

A Lidice In China?

AN EDITORIAL

Is there a Lidice in North China, a village of simple, peaceful folk which lived and went about its business yesterday and is a mass of rubble and twisted bodies today?

We do not know the whole story. We do not know even the name of the village. All we know is that the deadpan wire association dispatches from Tientsin tell of a tragedy which must weigh heavily on the conscience of every American.

The official account of what happened, according to a formal statement by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, commander of the Marine Third amphibious corps, is that two Marines hunting rabbits somewhere in North China were shot without warning by two Chinese. One of the Marines was killed, the other was wounded.

The two Chinese alleged to have committed the crime fled to a nearby village. A Marine officer gave the village half an hour to give up the two men. When the half hour was up, 24 mortar shells were fired into the village. The Associated Press adds:

"Seasoned American combat men estimated that the village could have been wiped out if all the 60 mm mortar shells scored direct hits."

These bare facts are all that we have at hand. But we know that two Marines who shouldn't have been in North China in the first place—were killed because of an administration policy of intervention which is bound to cause incidents and casualties.

And we know that American Marine officers followed the Nazi-like policy of reprisal, of punishing a whole village filled with innocent men and women and children.

It is all very well for Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to make statements before a Congressional committee asserting that the United States wants to see a united and democratic government in China.

But the Truman administration will have to make its promises good with actions. It will have to pull our equipment and troops out of China as a guarantee that American boys are not killed and Chinese villages not wiped off the face of the earth. Only then will Americans believe that peace has come to China at last and that our GIs are no longer in danger.

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SOVIETS WARN OF IRAN COUP D'ETAT

New 6-Man 'Superior Council' Set Up



New Face: They could be congratulating each other on Truman's "police club" speech, but actually the man on the right, Ira Mosher, is greeting Robert E. Wasoh, new president of the National Association of Manufacturers. Mosher is the outgoing head of the Big Bosses.

The Iranian Government has been superseded by a six-man "Superior Council" directed by Premier Abraham Hakimi and including four former premiers and a Minister of Industry, it was announced in Teheran last night.

In addition to Hakimi, the council includes former premiers Sadegh, Mansour, Hussein Pirmiea and Ghavan Saltaneh as well as former minister of industry Gharagoslou.

The official announcement, as reported by United Press, said the Council was formed to direct administration of government affairs because of a state of emergency caused by disturbances in Azerbaijan.

The Tass news agency had warned in an earlier dispatch from Teheran that a coup d'etat was in preparation with the active aid of the British Intelligence Service.

The dispatch said the leader of the conspiracy appeared to be Gen. Ibrahim Arpha, chief of the Iranian General Staff. It said Arpha was in frequent consultation with the British military attache, Col. Petbus.

Tass quoted the Teheran newspaper Rakhbar as follows:

"Reactionaries and imperialists are preparing a coup by spreading panic. All kinds of impossible rumors are disseminated. Arpha's tanks and armored cars patrol the streets nightly, deploying troops in various parts of the city. The espionage system in the Army military schools beats anything existing under Reza Shah. Officers aren't permitted to read the papers.

"All of this is done in order to prepare the ground for the coup. Numerous facts indicate participation by British intelligence, for instance frequent meetings of Arpha and Petbus."

WARNS OF BRITISH

Reza Shahshahani, former head of the OWI's Iranian desk, had also warned that British authorities have been arming and training nomadic tribes to stage a coup d'etat "if the necessity arises." Britain is motivated by "the desire to create a cordon sanitaire against Russia in the form of a solid Moslem bloc from Pakistan in India and ending in the Atlas Mountains of North Africa," Shahshahani told Johannes Steel in a radio interview reprinted in Thursday's Daily Worker.

The Soviet Union, on the contrary, wants to prevent anything from happening which would "keep the Iranian people from deciding for themselves what kind of government they want," Shahshahani pointed out.

In its note of Nov. 29, made public Sunday, rejecting the U. S. proposal to advance the date of withdrawal of foreign troops in Iran from March 2 to Jan. 1, the Soviet Union pointed out that no armed uprising exists in northern Iran. This statement negated in advance the excuse used to set up the six-man junta yesterday.

"Reactionary elements which had opposed the extension of national rights to the population of northern Iran" are at fault, the Soviet note asserted.

The Soviet Union has opposed dispatch of additional Iranian government troops to northern districts because this would "cause not the cessation, but the increase, of the disorders and likewise bloodshed, which would compel the Soviet Government to introduce into Iran further forces of its own for the purpose of preserving order and assuring the security of the Soviet garrison."

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Jersey, Bay State CIO Hit Truman Policies

PARLEY IN NEWARK VOTES STUDY OF THIRD PARTY AIM

By MAX GORDON

NEWARK, Dec. 9.—The New Jersey CIO convention today instructed its incoming executive body to study the possibilities for future launching of a broad third party in the state.

The temper of the 555 representatives from the 237 CIO locals in the state at this first rank-and-file CIO gathering since Truman advanced his anti-strike proposals left no doubt that CIO president Phil Murray accurately reflected the attitude of the membership in his bitter denunciation of the Truman plan.

The Resolutions Committee unanimously condemned the imperialist path taken by the U. S., demanded withdrawal of our troops from China and insisted upon restoration of Big Three unity as the basis for United Nations unity. While these resolutions were deferred for action to the executive committee because of lack of time, delegates made it clear from the floor how they stood.

A resolution on domestic policy passed earlier attacked both the Administration and Congress as having "gone too far from the program ordered by the American people and putting in jeopardy the very welfare of our country."

BACK GM STRIKERS

A resolution on the General Motors strike condemned the President's anti-strike action. A Strike Fund Committee was authorized to raise funds for striking workers, and each CIO local was requested to set aside time at each meeting for voluntary contributions to the strike fund.

Delegates gave an ovation to Dr. Frank Kingdon, radio commentator, when he praised Murray's speech attacking the Administration as a reflection of labor's political independence.

The debate on political action, lasting several hours, ended with overwhelming endorsement of the motion to instruct the executive board to study the problem of uniting labor, farmers, middle class, church groups and others in a third party when the time was ripe.

An effort by Trotskyites to exploit anti-Truman sentiments by moving to organize a third party at this convention was decisively beaten. The discussion made it clear delegates did not feel such a party could be organized in time for the 1946 elections, but that it should be pointed for the 1948 elections.

Immediate steps taken on political action included:

- Integration of the CIO Political Action Committee into the basic structure of the CIO, with instructions

- Instructions to all locals, city and county CIO bodies to set up active political action committees.

- Drive to be launched for the annual voluntary \$1 contribution from each CIO member for political action.

- Instructions to the executive board to approach the AFL for a joint survey on the state elections with a view to launch a fight for progressive candidates for Governor and U. S. Senate. All candidates thus far in the running were declared unsatisfactory;

- Endorsement of the national CIO legislative program and ap-

proval of a broad state legislative program.

ASKS DELEGATION TO CAPITAL

Walter Barry, United Electrical Workers leader, made a dramatic appeal from the floor to the state leaders to organize at once a delegation of 1,000 members to go to Washington.

A resolution on displaced Jews in Europe referred to the executive committee but unanimously approved by the Resolutions Committee, urged unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine and into the U. S.

A resolution lumping Communists with fascists and prohibiting both from holding office, was unanimously rejected by the Committee.

Carl Holderman, formerly head of the state political action committee, was unanimously elected state president to succeed Irving Abramson, who retired. Peter Flynn of the Shipbuilding Workers was named secretary-treasurer. Only contest was for a new vice-presidency. Sol Stettin of the Textile Workers Union defeated Anthony Valentino of the Cannery Workers, 1256 to 648.

MASSACHUSETTS PARLEY URGES STRONGER PAC

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—The Massachusetts State CIO, holding one day conference today in Boston, unanimously condemned President Truman's proposal on labor's right

to strike. The resolution quoted copiously from Philip Murray's statement.

It called for immediate strengthening of labor's political arm for the building of PAC and for mobilizing of all labor and its friends for the economic and political battles ahead.

Speaker after speaker assailed President Truman's lining up with big business reactionaries and anti-labor forces in and out of Congress. Joseph Salerno, state president of the CIO, received thunderous applause when he declared that President Truman has put the need of labor's political victories on the order of the day. Stating that conditions for a labor party are still unripe, he called for political preparation to combat "the economic

and political crises" being created by the administration. He also attacked anti-labor legislation by Republicans and reactionary Democrats and called for a "return to the fundamentals of the late President Roosevelt."

POINTS TO BIG PROFITS

Earlier Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers Union of America, addressing the 700 delegates representing a quarter million organized workers, stressed the great profits of the industrialists and declared that "the passage of President Truman's proposal would be a defeat for the friends of democracy."

The conference will continue discussing the many resolutions on domestic and foreign policy this afternoon and evening.

CIO Charges NAM Knew of Truman Speech in Advance

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The CIO News, in its current issue, revealed that the National Association of Manufacturers apparently was tipped off in advance of President Truman's "police club" anti-labor proposal to Congress last week.

Says the CIO journal, "here's the evidence that indicates the NAM knew in advance of publication what was coming in the President's message to Congress of Dec. 3.

"On Dec. 1 the NAM News, official Washington organ of the NAM, said gleefully: 'It is all too clear that the Management-Labor Conference has failed. . . .

"What next?

"The Administration is on the spot in the strike crisis and knows it well. Therefore, one of the next moves may be a Presidential message asking Congress for legislation to curtail industrial strife."

"Even while the Conference was in session, high administrative officials were working on a labor legislative program. . . .

"This program must take account of growing demands that labor cease wildcat strikes. . . .

The CIO News then asks this question:

"How far in advance did the NAM know the contents of the Truman message?"

In any case the NAM was quick to applaud the Truman proposal through its chief Ira Mosher, the CIO News points out.

APPEASEMENT RECORD

The CIO News editorially scores the administration's "craven appeasement of reactionary wealth in its aggressions against the public welfare."

Listing the fruits of this appeasement, the CIO News editorial notes that workers' take-home pay has been cut 23 to 50 percent while unemployment compensation legislation, full employment bills and increased social security have been denied, and industry still enjoys a 100 percent increase in profits after taxes.

The editorial reinforces the attack on the administration's "cowardice" before the demands of Big Business, contained in CIO President Philip Murray's radio speech of last week.

Murray's speech is given the two-page center spread position in the current issue.

The cooling-off bill comes up for hearings in the House Labor Committee tomorrow, and in the Senate

Labor and Education Committee next Wednesday.

The CIO News therefore lists this bill as the top fighting issue in its two-column box, "Keep Your Eye on Congress."

Special attention is given in the same box to the House Military Affairs bill, banning political action and outlawing unions for strikes that are allegedly contrary to union contracts. Also to the anti-racketeering act amendment on Sam Hobbs (D-Ala), giving workers 20 year prison terms if convicted on charges of attempting to interfere with the movement of interstate commerce.

Both bills have been given clearance for House floor action, but the anti-laborites, for the time being, are concentrating on the President's bill first.

The CIO paper, in a smash front page appeal in the same issue, asks all union members to wire their Congressmen to vote against President Truman's anti-strike bill.

"Stop that Anti-Strike Bill," says the paper's streamer line.



Police Take Souvenirs: As the result of an appeal by New York authorities for surrender of overseas veterans' "keepsakes" 1,800 weapons have been turned over to police. Above are a few.

RFC Puts Up War Plant as 'Surplus'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Reconstruction Finance Corp., announced tonight that the aircraft engine piston ring plant at Richmond, Ind., operated by the Perfect Circle Co., for the Army, has been offered for sale or lease as surplus property.

RFC said the plant can be adapted to commercial manufacturing at negligible cost. Included in the equipment are lathes, drill presses, electric furnaces and compressors.

Navy Sights Raft

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 9 (UP).—The Navy announced today that a plane from the Boca Raton (Fla.) army air base, searching for six mysteriously missing planes, had reported sighting a life raft in the Atlantic, about 250 miles off the central east Florida coast.

WEATHER

Partly Cloudy,
Turning
Much Colder

Morgenthau Hits Administration For Not Following Potsdam Pact

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 9 (UP).—Former Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., criticized the Administration last night for not thinking and working "hard enough" to carry out the Big Three Potsdam agreement for Germany.

Declaring that permanent world peace is at stake, Morgenthau said he hoped President Truman would revise his expressed belief that another Big Three meeting of the Soviet, U. S., and British chiefs of state is unnecessary.

He said attempts are being made to sow discord among the wartime Allies, assenting "the only hope of peace is in a solid understanding between the United States and Russia."

The former secretary, who was succeeded in Mr. Truman's Administration by Fred M. Vinson addressed the Hebrew Union College here. He is the author of a plan for dealing with conquered Ger-

Asserting that the period since the Potsdam declaration had been "more than long enough, even in Washington, even in international dealings, to have moved forward," Morgenthau said:

"The Administration has not been thinking hard enough, has not been working consistently on this job." "Since Aug. 2," he continued, "nothing has been done, so far as the public knows, to establish a permanent regime for the Ruhr industrial area, to break up the menacing German cartels, to settle just what industries Germany may keep, and, in our zone at least, to redistribute land so that Germans can grow their own food."

"The whole framework of the peace is at stake. Failure to act is our greatest danger at present. For with every delay, rumors and suspicions multiply."

GM to Be Picketed by Ford, Chrysler Men

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Dec. 9.—General Motors strikers are demonstrating their full strength as negotiations with the company resume tomorrow. Here are the important new developments in the wake of yesterday's decision by 250 United Automobile Workers delegates representing 300,000 GM workers to reject President Truman's fact-finding gag as well as his request that they return to work:

1. A 1,000 car caravan of Ford workers staged a telling demonstration around struck GM plants in support of their striking fellow unionists.

2. Plans were completed for another giant picket line backed by thousands of GM, Ford, Chrysler and other auto workers to encircle the GM building tomorrow while negotiations proceed five floors above.

The conference of GM delegates recommended to President Truman that he read the transcript of negotiations between the union and the company, and that he find that there exist the facts that General Motors has the ability to pay the 30 percent wage increase.

All GM locals will vote on continuing the strike between now and Wednesday.

Delegates reporting before their local union groups Sunday said that a proposal from Flint to endorse a "labor party" was defeated. This "labor party" emerges from Trotskyite literature whose peddlers have been chased off picket lines by the strikers because they have no union label on their leaflets.

Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice-president, it was reported by delegates, urged at the conference concerning action by all sections of American labor, CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods as the medium now for halting the drive of anti-labor legislation, pending in conferences. Reuther, it was reported, said that the time had come for setting up a national citizens committee with people of the type of Eleanor Roosevelt to bring nationwide support to the CIO's wage demands.

PRESS IMPRESSED
Newspaper and radio commentators admitted that yesterday's demonstration of Ford workers to support their union brothers at GM was the biggest thing of its kind ever seen in this city.

Bumper to bumper, the auto caravan, driven by members of Ford Local 600, slowly encircled the

towering GM building with slogans saying: "We Ford workers support the GM workers, their fight for a 30 percent wage increase is our fight."

We boarded the Solidarity cavalcade at Wyoming and Michigan, a mile from the Rouge plant. The cars started down Michigan and stretched from Wyoming to Livernois, a distance of two miles. Every striking GM plant was encircled during the afternoon with Ford workers getting out and doing a stretch on the picket line. All traffic lights and regulations went by the board as the cavalcade split itself in four sections, each section having more than 300 cars in it then going to designated GM plants.

At the General Motors Building traffic was jammed for miles around while the solidarity car picket line slowly went around the huge skyscrapers, seen from the fifth floor of the GM building, the cars were three abreast and the banners calling on GM to pay 30 percent could easily be read from high up.

TWO MILES LONG

After fifteen minutes of driving around the building, the cars with perfect discipline, formed into a two-mile long line and went into long line and went into the downtown area, filled with thousands of Christmas shoppers. Every car was plastered with signs and scattered through the cavalcade were union sound cars talking to the thousands of people lining the sidewalks. Their slogans and placards were: "Full Support by Ford Workers to GM Strikers."

"Your Families, Your Stores, Our Families, GM Strikes' Families Need 30 Percent Wage Increase."

Down to the City hall went the cavalcade on its last leg of the more than 20 mile drive since they left the Ford plant. Despite the attempt of traffic police to divert and break up the far-stretching line, the car parade encircled the City Hall, calling on Mayor Jeffries and the City Council through the sound cars' speakers to support CIO's demand for 30 percent.

Pravda Urges Big 3 Unity on Parley Eve

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (UP).—The newspaper Pravda's international commentator made a strong plea today for continued Big Three unity based upon faithful execution of the Yalta and Potsdam agreement.

The observer severely criticized advocates of revision of those accords, naming the New York Times and Manchester Guardian who, he said, reportedly argue that collaboration essential during the war now was dispensable. The Big Three foreign ministers, Byrnes, Molotov and Bevin, are scheduled to meet Dec. 15.

Pravda said there even were people who were urging repeal of the great powers veto right established at the San Francisco UNO conference and asked, "what radical changes in the international situation occurred in the past few months dictating revision? The revisionists reply only two words—atomic bomb."

"The further we go the clearer it becomes that the initiators of

atomic diplomacy are opposing their particular line against collaboration by the great democratic powers," the newspaper said.

"Actually they are dragging the world backward to the ill-fated pre-

war policy of the Western powers with their league of nations and antagonistic groups . . . but nations do not wish to return to the old discredited methods for which they paid so dearly."

1,500 Meet to Spur Rail Pension Drive

A rank and file movement for increased railroad pensions got under way at Manhattan Center yesterday, as more than 1,500 railroad workers called for improvement in present legislation.

The meeting, representing 25,000 rank and filers in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, was attended by members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Brotherhood of the Maintenance of Way Employees, and the Railway Carmen of America.

Speakers were Fred Wolf, local chairman of the BLFE of Penn RR; Archibald Bromson, attorney; Carl Smith, veteran and brakeman on the N. Y. Central; and Bob Kennedy of the BLFE, who was chairman of the rally.

Wolf pointed out that railroad workers support Senate bill 293 and HR 1362 which seek to improve standing legislation. He urged, however, that four further amendments be added. These are:

- Pensions granted for 20 years of service or at the age of 60, instead of 65 as proposed in the Congressional bills.
- Minimum pension of \$100 instead of \$50.
- Disability pension granted after one year's service, and a full pension for disability granted after 10 years' service. Present legislation would grant disability pension after 20 years service.
- The carrier's contribution to the pension fund to be 2 percent to the employee's one percent, plus a government subsidy. Present legislation is one to one percent.

Bromson declared the railroads are making more money than they "actually know what to do with." He pointed out that in 1943 the roads made a gross profit of \$1,972,000,000 and that out of this the

government took \$1,300,000,000, leaving a net profit of \$672,000,000.

"At least a portion of those taxes might have been spent by the railroads to see that employees got a better pension, retirement and sickness system," he said.

Carl Smith, veteran and a brakeman, added that these profits could have helped to create better working conditions. Veterans have two thoughts now, he said, to come home and to get decent jobs.

The rally voted to support the CIO drive for a 30 percent wage increase.

Austrians Ask Nationalization

VIENNA, Dec. 8 (Delayed) (UP).

—The Austrian Trades Union Association demanded in a memorandum to heads of the three principal political parties today that Austria's key industries and enterprises be nationalized "in the interest of the people of the nation."

The association, speaking for 500,000 Austrian workers, demanded that electrical industries, mines and all major factories be nationalized. They demanded the creation of a Ministry of Economic Affairs in which workers would be represented.

A demand was presented for the restoration of all social statutes on the books in Austria before the union with Germany. The unionists asked new old age and sickness insurance and the assurance that all wounded and returning prisoners of war be given a chance to earn a living. Other demands covered a job insurance plan for agrarian workers and a program of immediate reconstruction of workers' war-damaged houses.

One paragraph asked compensation for all workers "injured by Nazi terrorists."

Plane, 17 Yanks Missing in Africa

ACCRA, Gold Coast, Dec. 9 (UP).

—A United States Army C-47 transport plane carrying 17 American soldiers has been missing since Dec. 4, in African west coast territory, authorities announced today.

U. S. Army and civilian aircraft have joined in a search for the missing aircraft.

American Army officers said the plane had not been heard from since it left Roberts Field in Liberia for Accra last Tuesday.

CP Demonstration in Times Square Brings 'Quit China' Issue to People

Crowded Times Square rang with chants of "Bring the GIs Home. . . Stop Intervention in China" as more than 700 members of the New York Communist Party paraded Saturday night in perfect order through the streets.

The demonstration, which started promptly at 8:15 p. m. and lasted half an hour, brought friendly and enthusiastic comments from the crowd, especially from servicemen. It was the first such demonstration the CP has put on in close to five years.

Carrying banners calling for the ousting of Secretary of State Byrnes as well as General Wedemeyer, the paraders covered the entire Square from 42nd street to 49th street.

The demonstration was part of the nationwide campaign of the CP for 500 rallies and meetings on China.

At 8:45 Party members began the distribution of a Party leaflet which was grabbed up by passersby, and sold Workers by the hundreds.

Near the end of the demonstration a policeman arrested Dr. Bernard Bender, chairman of the Jackson Heights club of the Party, on a phony charge of "disorderly conduct."

As the cop hauled Dr. Bender to the Night Court at Center Street,

he was followed by more than 50 people, who went into the court where Judge Mahoney released Dr.

Bender on \$100 bail. Before his case came up, a detachment of police removed 50 people forcibly from the courtroom. Dr. Bender's hearing was set for Dec. 19 at Jefferson Market court.

1,200 in Tarrytown March In Support of GM Strikers

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Twelve hundred Westchester unionists and progressives demonstrated today in support of the General Motors strikers in the Chevrolet

the open shop." Speakers included Harry Sacher, attorney for the Transport Workers Union; Harry Gerber, UAW international representative and Henry Rubin, Westchester County ALP chairman Maurice Caeserotti, leader of the County CIO council, was chairman.

Bill Berlin of UE local 453 offered the resolution which stated: "The Westchester CIO Council on behalf of its 25,000 members protests the action taken by Presi-

dent Truman in his message sent to Congress urging legislation to

shackle labor." The parade was led by veterans carrying flags. It included representatives of unions and American Labor Party clubs from Yonkers to Peekskill.

Gerber described Truman as letting down the union with his proposal. No new legislation is needed, he said. "only adherence to the Wagner Act and forcing GM to bargain collectively." Sacher added that the fight of the GM workers is "a strike to win the peace, and to preserve democracy in America," he said.

He said.

Mr. Byrnes Goes to Moscow

AN EDITORIAL

(Reprinted from late edition of The Worker yesterday)

THE visit of Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Bevin to Moscow next week-end is long overdue, considering the wreckage which both American and British policy have wrought in the four short months since V-J Day.

If Mr. Byrnes is ready to heed the American protest at his course, if he is beginning to realize that American imperialism cannot run the United Nations world—the Moscow conference will bring a welcome improvement in great power relations.

But if he will do no better than follow up on his disgraceful performance in London last October, things will go from bad to worse.

Our people are pleased that Byrnes is going to Moscow. The fact that he feels compelled to call this meeting, after President Truman's dangerous suggestion that three-power parleys were no longer necessary, is a tribute to the resistance which other peoples—and the American people—have demonstrated in recent weeks.

This country will be watching Byrnes, we are in no mood to count any chickens before they are hatched. And while watching the Moscow meetings, the popular movement against the State Department's intervention in China and

the whole trend of its policies will continue.

For Byrnes has repudiated Hurley, which was about time. But he has not yet drawn any conclusions in practice from the Hurley episode. Certainly one of the most important contributions which the United States could make—if it wants the Moscow conference to succeed—would be the cessation of its present course in Asia.

It is easy to list other things which should be discussed and settled in Moscow; one has only to re-read the failures of the last four months.

On atomic power, for example, Mr. Byrnes should let go of the Anglo-American monopoly and share genuine international control of the atomic development. Otherwise, he is open to the suspicion that he is only going to bargain with the atom bomb in hand.

Certainly, the atomic commission which Truman, Attlee and King promised, should be established under the Security Council and not the United Nations Assembly. And if the January sessions of the UNO are to mean anything, they must rest on a continuation of unanimity-rule which is the only foundation of great-power understanding.

It would be absolutely misleading to think that the UNO can function unless the great powers are united. The symbol and mechanism of that unity is the unanimity rule. This must be upheld, both for atomic power, for the Potsdam agreement ruling administering Germany, and everything else.

Likewise, on the Far Eastern issues, a multi-lateral control of Japan is today more than ever necessary. A cessation of American intervention is the indispensable step toward a Soviet-American understanding on Manchuria which in turn would compel Chiang Kai-shek to come to terms with the Chinese democratic forces.

On all these issues—as in the case of equally pressing European problems—American policy bears the main responsibility for the breakdown of the last months. It is, therefore, the American responsibility to repair that breakdown.

That is what our people have been saying at countless rallies, meetings and picket lines. That is what they expect of Byrnes. And that is what he ought to be told in the next days before his departure.

Negroes Battle U. S. Army Hospital Jimcrow in South

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Negro leaders are demanding that Gen. Omar N. Bradley end segregation in southern veterans hospitals but he has refused, it was revealed tonight. Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Bradley's acting surgeon general, has cautioned him that the Veterans Administration cannot be made an agency for social change and that it must follow local custom.

Fanned by the Negro press, the issue has become one of Bradley's big headaches. His position has been that segregation will be eliminated as local custom changes.

A delegation representing 25 Negro organizations is currently seeking an appointment with the administrator to press the demand. Bradley's office said a meeting has not been arranged.

Thomasina W. Johnson, legislative representative of the National Nonpartisan Council, an organization of Negro women, charged that Bradley for six weeks has given her "the run-around" in scheduling the conference.

She said that in three previous talks with smaller groups, Bradley has been non-committal.

Bradley recently ordered a survey of Negro hospital facilities which showed that of VA's 97 hospitals, 17 accept no Negroes except in emer-

gency and that 24 of the remaining 80 have separate wards for Negroes.

One hospital, at Tuskegee, Ala., accepts only Negroes. The remaining 55 make no distinction.

Pittsburgh AFL Local Backs WFTU Report

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9.—Local 237 of the Hotel and Restaurant Alliance, AFL, enthusiastically endorsed the report of Nick Lazzari, business agent on the World Federation of Trade Unions Conference.

Lazzari attended the Paris conference as an unofficial observer.

The meeting, which endorsed Lazzari's report, was attended by 500 members of the local.

The meeting also unanimously passed resolutions supporting the wage demands of the Steel, Auto and UE unions and declared that "the struggle for higher wages directly affects every labor organization and every worker regardless of affiliation, especially in the Pittsburgh area, where some of the basic industries are predominant."

The resolution pledged support in the event a strike takes place in the steel and electrical industries, and called for cooperation between the

AFL and CIO "through setting up a committee on behalf of all AFL groups represented in the Pittsburgh Central Labor Union who would be authorized to meet with representatives of the Steel City Council CIO or any of its affiliates in order that the fullest cooperation can be obtained in support of the coming decisive struggle."

A resolution "condemned the use of American Marines in the civil conflict in China." Communications were sent to Truman, Byrnes and Pittsburgh Congressmen demanding support for the "Quit-China" resolution now in Congress, and demanding that American troops be immediately withdrawn from China.

Young Texas Dems. Say 'Get Out of China'

By ROBERT MINOR

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Texas state convention of the Young Democrats ended Friday with a complete victory of the Democratic Party forces representing the Roosevelt tradition and identified in last year's election with the carrying of the state for the late President.

Led by Jack Carter, young Fort Worth attorney and a galaxy of young men and women from all parts of the state, the convention adopted unanimously most of the resolutions, fought out democratically all differences and concluded its labors in a spirit of unity.

Resolutions adopted call for withdrawal of American armed forces from China, cessation of armed support to Chiang Kai-shek government, and use of all available shipping to bring home American boys. Other resolutions demand abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting, extension of the ballot to eighteen-year-olds, passage of the full employment and 65-cent minimum wage bills and a permanent FEPC law. The resolution on China was carried by a large majority on the motion of a minority of the resolutions committee after considerable debate.

After the resolution committee failed to recommend the FEPC resolution, it was put before the convention by a minority report and carried unanimously.

Remarkable features were the youth of the main body of delegates and the large part played by veterans of the second World War. All four leaders of the panel discussions as well as the chairman of these discussions were veterans. Professor Homer P. Rainey, former president of Texas State University and present leader of the statewide struggle for freedom of education, addressed the delegates, upholding the general course of the convention.

Allentown AFL Acts On CIO, Rail Unity

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 9.—The AFL Central Labor Union is contacting the CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods in the Bethlehem steel industrial area for joint action against President Truman and all other anti-labor legislation. The move was decided unanimously at last night's CLU meeting and was the first time in many years that the AFL has decided on joint action with the CIO.

People are Talking About
DUNHILL MOUTONS
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Chileans Stage Great Rally On 'La Pasionaria' Birthday

By LILLO BERNALES
Wireless to the Daily Worker

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 9. — A tremendous meeting sponsored by the Radical Party yesterday celebrated the 50th birthday of Dolores Ibarruri, "La Pasionaria," great Spanish democratic leader and general secretary of the Spanish Communist Party of Spain.

The assemblage sent warm greetings to Pasionaria and agreed to redouble efforts to aid the Spanish people in their stubborn, heroic struggle for achieving the democratic republic once more and smashing the Franco regime.

The most distinguished Radical leaders and leaders of the other progressive parties participated in the meeting together with the Confederation of Chilean Workers, the Federation of Industries, the Intellectual Alliance and other cultural, feminine, and youth organ-

izations. All Spanish, Catalan and Basque Republican forces were represented as were delegates from the Uruguayan and Cuban Communist Parties.

'Blue Baby' Operated Upon; Improving

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 9 (UP).—Judy Hackman, "the blue baby" from Seattle, Wash., who underwent a delicate operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital yesterday, is doing "fairly well," it was announced today.

The pretty little two-year old has been suffering from a rare heart condition which caused her to turn blue. Today her color was much improved and she was doing "as well as can be expected."

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Auto Gls Refuse to Strike-Break

'He's Now Production Joe, Not GI Joe'—Thomas Says

By HARRY WILSON

DETROIT, Dec. 9.—General Motors attempts to use veterans against the striking workers received a decisive set-back as 600 union veterans, meeting in the United Auto Workers, CIO, Local 157 Hall last night, under the auspices of the GM City-Wide Veterans Committee, UAW-CIO, gave complete support to the strike and to the 30 percent wage increase demand.

R. J. Thomas, vice-president of the CIO, told the veterans: "Vets cannot buy houses without decent wages. All vets are workers and the GM Corporation is trying to divide ex-servicemen and workers, just as in the past when it tried to use race discrimination as a way to break strikes and to destroy the union. This strike is a battle for all of us."

"As soon as GI Joe punches a time-clock," said Walter Reuther, head of the GM Division of the UAW-CIO, "he becomes Production Joe. The corporation is not interested in the veterans. GM hired 22,000 vets before the strike, but began firing and laying them off when it could not turn them against labor. At the time we struck the Corporation, only 7,000 veterans were in the plants. Veterans and workers alike must earn a living wage."

OFFER PROGRAM TO GIS

John W. Anderson, secretary of the GM City-Wide Veterans Committee, UAW-CIO, presented the committee's program to the union GIS:

- 1.—To demand and collect unemployment compensation due to veterans under the GI Bill of Rights.
- 2.—To mobilize the veterans back of the GM strike in the just fight for a 30 percent wage increase.
- 3.—To smash all corporation attempts to use veterans as a front for their anti-labor conspiracy.

Bob Carter, AC Sparkplug worker in Flint, told the meeting: "GM is trying to play its old game of divide and conquer. They've used 'red-baiting,' race discrimination and they tried to pit the union man against the non-union man. But all these attempts in the past failed. Now they are hoping to use the veteran against the worker. This too will fail."

"What has GM done for the vet? Well, when you came back to the plant, the corporation gave you a folder to keep your discharge papers in. Then they took you into a little room to see if you were crazy. They

also gave you wages so low that it was impossible to live decently. "What has the union done for you? It protected your seniority rights; it guarded your rights to collective bargaining while you were overseas; it is fighting to see that you get your unemployment benefits; it is coming forward to see that you get a cash bonus from the state and the federal government. And now it is striking to guarantee to you and to all workers the right to decent wages."

Matt Hammond, president, Local 157, told the veterans that apple selling jobs will become available again unless all the working people including GIS stick together to win the strike and the 30 percent wage increase.

Gus Scholle, Regional Director, Michigan CIO, just back from a Pacific tour, told of the pro-union sentiment he found at the 45 meetings he addressed.

"When the truth was told to the men of labor's role in the war, the soldiers gave a very favorable response," Scholle was bitter when he described how the representative of the National Association of Manufacturers told the GIS of NAM's support of the Full Employment Bill, the 65c Minimum Wage Law and Housing legislation at the same time that Corporation lobbyists were campaigning against this legislation.

"This was complete misrepresentation of the truth," he said.

BACK VET LEGISLATION

The Wayne County CIO Council, representing 400,000 members, approved a series of proposals for state legislation to benefit the veterans:

- 1.—Education; bill to raise monthly allowances to \$100 plus grants to allow for substantial increases in dependency allowances so that vets will be financially able to take advantage of the education opportunities.

- 2.—Mustering out pay; a bill which provides that the state shall match Federal mustering out payments on a dollar for dollar basis to all Michigan veterans. The maximum for veterans would be raised from \$300 to \$800.

Other proposals dealt with

Amendments to Land Tax Sales to Cover Veterans and Homestead Legislation.

The Wayne County CIO Council urges the State Legislature to finance this veterans program by (a) using the \$57,000,000 State Veterans Fund now available; (b) appeals to the Federal Government to make grants from the 30 billions of unexpended war appropriations; (c) the floating of state bond issues with low interest charges; (d) using a portion of the funds coming in from general state revenue.

Texas Longshoremen Win NLRB Election

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 9.—The CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union won an election victory at Montgomery Ward's mail order and retail plants here.

The count in the National Labor Relations election held recently was retail store: ILWU 123, against 73; mail order, ILWU 826, against 639.

The union immediately issued an invitation to all those who voted against the union to join up and take an active part in the organization and its contract negotiations.

CIO Fights Ban on Vets During Strike

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9.—CIO leaders here joined together in a statement condemning the attempt to bar war veterans from unemployment insurance during a labor dispute.

"Veterans are being subjected to more heartless treatment in this respect than non-veterans with whom they work together," the statement declared. It was issued by Charles Halifax, sub-regional director for the United Automobile Workers, Joseph Pearson, chairman of the UAW strike committee, and Joseph Scioli, chairman of the CIO Council's Strike Committee.

The protest was directed at the same indecent attempt to deprive veterans on the GM picket line from unemployment insurance as was noted in Detroit.

"Our veterans must receive the full privileges which a grateful nation wants them to have and not discriminatory status which an anti-labor group in Congress has been able to establish treacherously, against the desires of the overwhelming majority of the people," the statement declared.

The statement outlined the method by which GM servicemen are denied insurance benefits.

"The interpretation of the GI Bill by officials of the New York State Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, says that veterans may not receive unemployment compensation under the Veterans Readjustment Act if they are unemployed because of a labor dispute."

"This means that veterans are being penalized for having fought for their country. This means that those who were fighting to save our country from enslavement by fascism, while General Motors was busy piling up its high wartime profits, come back to find themselves made helpless in the face of a company refusal to bargain in good faith, or even of a company refusal to submit differences to arbitration."



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Fight Truman Bill, Cleveland CIO Warns

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—The Cleveland Industrial Union Council has sent wires to Ohio legislators urging them to oppose President Truman's anti-labor proposal, and to appear before Congressional committees and on the floors of Congress in opposition to any bills drafted along Truman's lines.

"We are watching the Congressional Record for your speeches" in opposition to the President's suggested labor laws," the CIUC wires state.

Veterans manning picket lines around the Cleveland Diesel plants of GM moved to "stay on strike until a settlement that would be satisfactory to GM workers is negotiated."

"President Truman can use his fact finding committee, but for ourselves we will stay on the picket lines," they said.

Charles K. Beckman, president of UAW Local 45 and representative of more than 5,000 striking Fisher Body workers, said in a letter to Truman that his "message to Congress of Dec. 3 was read with dismay by the auto workers of Cleveland."

A member of the UAW top negotiating committee, Beckman wrote to Truman:

"You have stated that when one party in a labor dispute refuses to arbitrate it is then time for the government and the public to become angered and take action against that part."

"In keeping with this statement it should then have been your policy to take action against the General Motors Corp. and to compel them to accede to the justified demands of their employees."

"Instead you call upon the workers to go back to work at the same rate of pay while you give GM the opportunity to continue their operation at a super rate of profits."

Beckman's letter goes on to recall that Truman gave lip service to progressive New Deal legislation while making no effort at enactment.

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Italy's Governmental Crisis

A NEW Italian government will be formed very shortly, but the crisis through which Italy is passing goes far beyond the problem of a new cabinet. In actual fact, Italian fascism has been raising its head—more boldly and more dangerously than ever.

It's not at all accidental that leaflets quoting Mussolini have been reappearing in Rome, or that shots are fired at prominent anti-fascists. The way in which the Ferruccio Parri government was overthrown two weeks ago—by an open offensive of the so-called Liberal Party and a section of the Catholic Democrats—is a sign of very real danger.

And these reactionary wolves in "liberal" clothing have had the gall to make far-reaching demands on the new cabinet which the Catholic leader, Alcide de Gasperi, is forming. Nothing less than a calling off of the purge and full freedom to the reactionary press!

The responsibility, of course, does not rest solely inside of the country. It rests just as much on the Allied authorities. They still hold troops in northern Italy. They still refuse to scrap the discredited armistice and demobilize the Italian soldiers. They still withhold full sovereignty from the Italian Committee of National Liberation. They still reject Italy's membership in the UNO.

The major reason, therefore, for the fall of the Parri government was the cool attitude of the Allied authorities. And the reactionary circles were really following outside advice when they tried very hard in the last ten days to prevent the formation of a government which would be based on the Committee of Liberation.

It should also be remembered that the right-wing elements of the Catholic Party itself (formally a member of the Liberation Committee) were also implicated in Parri's ouster. The Vatican, in other words, is playing an insidious game against Italy's interests in full collaboration with the British and American military government.

But the Committee of Liberation stood fast. It compelled a vacillating figure like de Gasperi to accept governmental responsibility with the Left parties against the Right. This is a definite victory for the anti-fascist forces, but it is a victory that will only be realized if the position of Italy in relation to the Allies undergoes a change.

What we here in this country can do to help the new government, therefore, is to insist on the scrapping of the armistice, and the final withdrawal of the military government. Italy's anti-fascist parties must be given a chance. They must be helped economically—with no strings attached. It is our job to get the American State Department to act along such lines.

For Health Insurance

IN A recent report of the Department of Labor's Children's Bureau, Dr. Martha M. Elliot, associate chief, told the nation that "thousands of the 118,000 babies and 7,000 mothers whose lives are lost (in child birth) die needlessly."

She went on to say that if all sections of the population had access to the proper medical care, this "tragic loss of life" could be substantially reduced.

This is one phase of the tragedy of death and suffering among most sections of America's citizenry that results from inability to afford decent medical care. The story is too well-known to every one of us, often from personal experience, to need recounting here.

And yet the powers who control the major medical and dental societies continue their unrelenting pressure against the simple reform contained in the compulsory health insurance program embodied in the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill in Congress. Behind these societies, of course, are the same reactionary elements that fought unemployment insurance and every other progressive step taken by the American people in the last 10 years. They use the same technique of shouting "socialism" and "un-Americanism."

Unfortunately, the initiative appears to be in their hands. President Truman formally presented his program for compulsory health insurance to Congress as he had promised to do. But he has made no effort either to get the people behind it or to fight for it in Congress itself.

The many and varied organizations that support the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill need to develop an aggressive, unified campaign to defeat the powerful propaganda and pressure drive of the reactionary leaders of the medical societies.

ONCE AGAIN?



Political Scene

Henry Wallace's Dilemma

by Adam Lapin

WHEN President Truman first started shaking up the old Roosevelt cabinet, it was generally agreed that Henry A. Wallace was safe in his post as Secretary of Commerce.

Truman needed Wallace to reassure labor and the independent, forward-looking voters. Now he needs Wallace more than ever to keep at least a modicum of progressive support for an administration which has turned resolutely to the right.



Wallace has much to give Truman. But what has Truman got to give the Henry Wallace whose "Century of the Common Man" speech was heard around the world and whose militant advocacy of the Roosevelt promise of postwar jobs and full employment won him the admiration of literally millions of workers, farmers and middle-class liberals?

What has Truman got to give a Henry Wallace who emerged out of his defeat by the machine politicians at the Democratic National Convention last year more than ever the spokesman of the independent, progressive voters of America?

These questions must be troubling Henry Wallace. He must be asking himself whether he can remain a member of the Truman cabinet and keep his moral and intellectual leadership in American political life. He must be asking himself whether he can remain part of the President's official family without sacrificing his unquestioned integrity.

Read Wallace's recent speeches, and you will see how real these questions are.

A Great Opportunity

Certainly there was something of the old Wallace missing in his speech to the Madison Square Garden meeting last week on the atomic bomb last week. It was no secret that Wallace was deeply disturbed by the atomic secrecy of the Truman administration, by the President's refusal to make the atomic bomb the property of the United Nations or to handle the problem in the spirit of in-

ternational cooperation.

But there was none of that in his speech. Wallace had a great opportunity in his speech to this meeting—which was an outgrowth of the protests by America's leading scientists against the President's atomic policies and was organized by the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts Sciences—one of the groups which had been closest to Wallace during the last Roosevelt campaign. But he did not take it.

Indeed, he represented the Truman-Atlee plan, with its fine words but its obvious implications that the atomic bomb would be used in the game of imperialist power politics, as a genuine measure for internationalizing atomic energy.

Wallace departed from his text sufficiently to say that "only the United Nations led by the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union can establish international control that can make possible the peaceful potentialities of atomic energy" and to state that the atomic bomb had already caused distrust among the United Nations.

But even these were careful diplomatic statements. It was not a fighting speech for Big Three cooperation, for internationalization of the atomic bomb, for the full use of atomic energy to benefit mankind. It was not the kind of speech Henry Wallace had made to similar gatherings in the past.

Speech To NAM

Or consider Wallace's speech before the National Association of Manufacturers. It had no particularly new ideas. It was a re-statement of his familiar program for a mass production, high-wage capitalist economy.

But it had some overtones that seemed a bit disturbing such as when he told the NAM that he believed "increased output per worker is essential to a steady rise in wages" or that labor "is in a good position to supply the cooperation" necessary for expanded production.

There isn't much point telling the NAM to try to get more production out of the workers. It knows all about that. And labor in the steel mills and auto factories is hardly in a position to cooperate with unyielding, unbusting employers.

More important, there was missing from this speech too the fighting quality that was found in the remarks of a far less significant figure, Chester Bowles, who gave the NAM a real dressing down for its fight against price control.

The old Wallace who used to inveigh against Monopoly is measuring his words at a time when the attack by monopoly on everything Wallace stands for has never been more rampant.

A Growing Dilemma

I realize that Wallace is restrained by his position. That's just the point. And his dilemma can only become more acute as the administration lines up increasingly with reaction, advocating anti-labor legislation and undermining that cooperation with the Soviet Union which Wallace well knows is the foundation of enduring peace.

Even Wallace's progressive statements in such a set-up begin to serve a reactionary purpose—regardless of his own intentions. For they can only help Truman allay the doubts and suspicions of his policies prevalent already among many people.

The old Roosevelt political coalition is breaking up, because it was abandoned by Truman. Its more progressive segments, of which Wallace was a leader, are beginning to look for new alignments. CIO president Philip Murray has already made an unprecedented attack on Truman's policies.

Wallace can play an important role in this fluid political situation. He is the authentic heir of the Roosevelt policies. He is a spokesman of anti-monopolistic, Mid-West progressivism. He has stood consistently for Big Three unity. He has a great popular following.

It isn't all up to Wallace, of course. His choice will be made for him partly by the extent to which the trade unions and the progressive groups generally find political unity outside the confines of the Truman administration.

But Wallace can give cohesion and strength to the new political line-ups in the making—or give the still potent magic of his name to the up-to-date Calvin Coolidge in the White House. Wallace too has great decisions to make.

Change the World

WHEN famine came to the Russian peasants, the Czar's statesmen used a familiar trick.

To divert attention of the peasants from the feudal aristocracy, which was wasteful, luxurious and stupid, and had caused these famines, the government instigated a series of anti-Jewish riots.

Christian Frontiers of the Czar, and drunken, criminal Coughlinites known in Russia as the "Black Hundreds" were given leave by the police to pillage, murder and destroy.

Peasants followed in their wake, looting and raping, inflamed by free vodka and fiery fascist demagogues.

This is an ancient pattern. Issues of race and religion have ever been the red herring employed by decadent rulers.

Emperor Nero, that great "sensitive" artist, is alleged by contemporaries to have burned down Rome because he was writing a long poem on the burning of Troy and needed first-hand impressions of such a conflagration.

The Roman people lost thousands of their kinsmen in the great fire, and their livelihood and their property were destroyed while the "sensitive" royal artist was fiddling on his hill and taking copious notes for that "immortal" epic.

A LOT of rumors sprang up, and the Emperor became a fugitive from justice. The people were on the verge of revolt. But by some miraculous instinct Nero's henchmen found a beautiful red herring to drag across the trail of historic wrath.



by Mike Gold

They sent out their vengeful Rushmores and Woltmans all over the city with circumstantial tales of how the Christians had made these fires. The Christians hated Rome and religion. The Christians were cannibals and firebugs.

The Christians were agents of Moscow and one of them was surrounded in a Times Square hotel by a whole squadron of FBI men and human rats from the Hearst press.

THE dying monopoly-capitalism of Europe subsidized a Hitler and a Mussolini for the same purpose of diverting the people from historic judgment on the profiteers who were sucking their blood and causing great famines and wars.

Nobody today would argue that Hitler was fighting a religious war against the Jews or against the other sects. He was using religion only as a demagogue, to divert the minds of the German boobs from the real cause of Germany's degradation, which was Germany's rapacious and world-greedy monopoly capitalism.

Monopoly capitalism is the main enemy of modern humankind. This is the womb in which fascism is born. Everything else is but an episode.

Yet more and more am I coming to meet people, ordinary, non-radical citizens, who are obsessed with the idea that it is the Roman Catholic Church that is the chief instigator of world fascism.

Last week Prof. Harold Laski came from England, and a group of priests picketed his

hotel in Times Square, bearing placards that read, "Franco Saved Spain -- Hands Off Catholic Spain," and similar fascist slogans.

Well, they say, isn't that also a strong argument that the church has taken fascism under its wing and wants Franco dictatorships in every country, including the United States?

No, I say again, the answer is No. Not even the Louis Budenz incident, where the Catholic hierarchy maintained a spy and hypocrite in the Daily Worker office, a man who swore on a stack of Bibles that he was a Communist, and took pay for it, and even a big loan. Do not call this the ancient Jesuit intrigue that once inflamed democratic Europe to expel such plotters.

FACT of the matter is: the Catholic Church is made up of human beings, who divide on many issues, and never have been a solid bloc. The hierarchy in America, with a few remarkable exceptions, is pretty well committed to a Franco and Salazar brand of fascism. They are trying hard to sell it to America. But how many rank-and-file Catholics do you hear peddling that foul, anti-democratic stuff? Darned few; and their record in the anti-fascist war just ended, and their record in the labor union struggle, should teach us all to regard them as brothers in life and struggle, and comrades in the war for world democracy.

Let us never be diverted by the red herring of religious strife or prejudice. Let us not turn anti-Catholic, however the enemy may try to provoke us. Monopoly capitalism is the true enemy. The masses of Catholic Americans are of the working class. They will fight for freedom and bread, like other Americans—aye, even though it leads to socialism!

New NAM Head Is Man After Tories Hearts

By Federated Press

Heading the National Association of Manufacturers in 1946 will be Robert R. Wason, elected president at the closing session of the NAM's three-day convention here celebrating its 50th year.

An NAM blurb picturesquely describes the 57-year-old, baldish new president as a man "who worked his way from 'biting poverty' and a grocer's boy's job to the presidency of a manufacturing company which employs more than 3,000 men."

President of Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc., of New York since 1931, Wason represents "professional management," according to the NAM. Like any Horatio Alger hero, Wason has a homespun philosophy shot through with devotion to the American way of life and free enterprise. Still according to the NAM blurb:

"Mr. Wason himself says he knew, by the time he got his first job as a grocer boy, at the age of 11, that a job was something given to you, not something offered. It was a real gift—a benefaction. There was no question about taking it, if you could only get it."

Further along the NAM publicity boys say fondly of their hero: "The only apparent effect of childhood deprivation was to make him somewhat less impressed with the handicap of being underprivileged." They quote him as saying:

"If the underprivileged children had an alumni association, I could be their president. But I wouldn't because there is no such thing as being underprivileged if you have the privilege of being an American citizen."

NAM will probably love their new president just as much as do the hired NAM scribes. In his maiden speech to the NAM convention Dec. 7, Wason sympathized loudly with his colleagues on their troubles with OPA price controls, called for tax relief for big business, demanded a balanced budget, prescribed a dose of anti-labor legislation for unions and boastfully described the U. S. as "the leading power of the world."

Other 1946 officers elected by the NAM board of directors are: Chairman of the board: 1945 NAM president Ira Mosher, president, Russell Harrington Cutlery Co.; chairman of the executive committee: 1944 NAM president, Robert Gaylord, president Ingersoll Milling Machine Co.; chairman of the finance committee: 1943 NAM president Frederick C. Crawford, president Thompson Products, Inc.

British Writer Assails Balkan Rumor Mongers

by David Raymond

BELGRADE, Dec. 9 (ALN). — One thing which has caused intense personal annoyance and alarm in my travels in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia is the impudent and unfounded assumption by every reactionary I have met that because I am British I must also be the friend of every reactionary in this part of the world. One meets it at all levels—from disgruntled old-time party politicians and people with doubtful war records, down to the village speculator who sees the avenues for black market profiteering narrowing.

These people live on the hope that sooner or later Britain will be at war with Russia. These would-be war-mongers seem to have a highly developed intelligence system: they know of every new arrival and see that he is visited with the right kind of story before his bags are unpacked.

The evening I arrived here and was registered at the hotel, I was approached by an elegantly dressed young woman who announced she had heard me speak English and would I tell her and her friend "something about England." Her friend was the kind of fleshy young fellow that lived at the Ritz in London as the representative of some impoverished Balkan state before the war.

For an hour the whole story of Yugoslavia was revealed to me: "terror," "tortures," "imprisonment," "Communist racketeering," "ballot rigging," "midnight executions." When I asked what they were doing when Tito was fighting in the woods, there was an embar-

rassed explanation of why they managed to remain in Belgrade through the German occupation without anything uncomfortable happening to them.

At Nish, in Serbia, we British journalists had the same experience. A smartly dressed young woman called with similar tales. At Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, we found two young women waiting to tell us how the Fatherland Front was rigging the elections. Both spoke German, one explaining that she had been educated in a German school in Sofia, and during the war worked for a German export firm.

They said, quite frankly, they preferred the German occupation to the present regime "because there were more clothes, more food and our jobs more secure."

When we asked the reception clerk about their story, he gave us a pitying look. We told him what they had said about things being better under the Germans. "Better for such people," he said. "Now it's better for us and worse for them."

An opposition party man came to see us. "When is Britain going to intervene here?" he asked. "Why should we intervene?" "Because Britain owes us liberty," was the answer. "Why does she owe you liberty?" we pressed. "Because she fought for liberty." "Did Bulgaria fight for liberty when she al-

lied herself to Germany?" we asked. "But Bulgaria came into the war on the Allied side, at the end," he protested.

We pressed the point. "Who overthrew the pro-German Bulgarian government and brought Bulgaria on to our side?" He did not want to answer because the Fatherland Front did it. Such conversations—there were many—always ended in suggestive references to the atomic bomb.

The feeling that Britain and America are encouraging opposition to the new regimes that have emerged from the war has penetrated deeply and is building up a mood of quite unjustifiable distrust of the British and American people. There is no wave of anti-British and anti-American feeling; on the contrary, there is an evident desire that we understand what is taking place.

I have been asked why UNRRA sent a smaller and less devastated country like Greece more aid than Yugoslavia. No explanation will remove suspicion that this was because Greece has a reactionary and Yugoslavia a left government. UNRRA is now sending much more aid, but suspicion has not died altogether because of the assertion that Yugoslavia was using UNRRA supplies for military and other purposes. UNRRA officials assured me that no supplies have been misused. I can personally testify that here, unlike Greece, no UNRRA foodstuffs go into the black market.

British Tories Seeking Program for 'Comeback'

LONDON, Dec. 9 (ALN).—Until now, the Conservative opposition in Britain's House of Commons has been remarkable for its failure to function in the traditional manner of oppositions.

The devastating defeat of the Tories in the July general election, coupled with the fact that since 1931 they have not had the experience of functioning as opposition tacticians, explains in part their failure to make a show-

However, the first sign that they are fast recuperating was given in former Prime Minister Churchill's speech to the Conservative party central council last week when he characterized members of the Labor government as "morbid and reactionary Socialists" and warned that "fundamental quarrels" loom.

The return of two Tory leaders—Brendan Bracken and Richard Law—in recent by-elections will permit the party to unlimber

at least a few big guns when the occasion arises.

TORY PLAN OF ATTACK

Most of the business which has come before the House to date has been legislation which, in more or less modified form, had received the approval of all parties of the war-time coalition government and therefore was not likely to provoke a fight.

The weak opposition to the bill nationalizing the Bank of England is readily explained: The change is mainly a nominal one. The governor, most directors, all stockholders and the methods of conducting the bank's affairs are virtually unchanged.

The Tory plan of attack will apparently be to play on the natural resentment of the ill-housed British people, and on the equally natural desire to have servicemen return to civilian life.

Tory responsibility for the terrific backlog of inaction on the housing question—which now leaves the Labor government

with an enormous task of mass construction—will, according to Conservative strategy, be blotted from the people's memories by long, loud and righteous cries against the "tardiness" and "inadequacy" of the government's housing program.

It would be wishful thinking to shrug away the possible effect of such a campaign because there is enough smoke to give credence to the Tory cry of "fire."

To date, the Labor government has not distinguished itself on the housing issue.

Plans, schemes, proposals—some good and others questionable—have been announced and Minister of Health Aneurin Bevan has airily predicted a solution in two years, but the average bombed-out citizen needs a home now.

The Tories have fastened on to what can be a very effective weapon and they mean to use it to discredit the government and at the same time slow down its nationalization drive. Every de-

laying tactic will be used. Demands will be made for endless debates, objections will be raised to every proposal to speed the legislative process.

This has already been made clear by opposition to government plans to streamline the work of parliamentary committees. Every propaganda outlet at the disposal of the Tories—which judging from recent broadcasts includes the British Broadcasting Corporation—will be utilized to tell reaction's story.

That sabotage of the Labor government's program is planned by industry—and their Tory spokesmen in the House—was made clear in the Tory reception to the nationalization speech given by Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons.

UPSETS CONSERVATIVES

Morrison's reiteration of the government's intention to press for nationalization of mining, electricity, gas, railways, canals, road haulage, docks and harbors was greeted with almost com-

placent silence by the Conservatives.

His declaration that in the interval before plans could be presented to Parliament "all necessary development in the industries concerned must proceed" drew an outburst of cynical laughter from the opposition benches.

But he went to the heart of the big business sabotage plan when he threatened that in paying compensation, the government will take into account the "extent to which an undertaking has not been maintained up to the time of transfer."

This really hit home. Tory Lt. Col. Dower lost control of his tongue long enough to ask the leader of the House whether if "he knew his car was to be smashed tomorrow, he would sit up tonight decarbonizing it."

Morrison retorted that it was not consistent with the duties of a member of Parliament "to incite industry to sabotage the pub-

A Page of Letters From Our Readers

Overseas Vet Urges Closer Labor Contact

Manhattan, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is a letter from a member of my union, The United Optical Workers, stationed with armed forces in the Philippines. I thought you might be interested in it:

"The entire question of demobilization has created quite a commotion in these parts. I guess it's the same in the entire Army. You probably are reading about it in your newspapers. . . it really is something. I don't think I ever saw such a bunch of more discontented men in my life. Morale is low, and I do mean low. It's bad.

Demobilization is being bungled. Men of long overseas service are not being returned home as rapidly as they should. Promises have been made, but so far, are not being kept. The entire thing has become a political question with everyone putting his two cents in.

"Now, here is something that will affect the unions, and will affect them in a very bad way unless something is done about it. The news broadcasts we hear are very incomplete. . . we get five minutes news summary in the mornings, afternoons and

evenings. How much news can be told in such a limited period of time? The result is that wrong conclusions are derived from these very broadcasts. We hear of strikes. Never is labor defended in any news comment. In fact, just the other night, I myself heard where General So-and-So says that strikes are seriously impeding the return of South Pacific troops. Well, you can see the attitude a man would take from a statement like that.

"President Curran of the National Maritime Union, however, really brought a bit of change upon this antagonism of the veteran toward strikes, unions, and consequently the entire labor movement. His decision not to provide crews to any ship not being used as a troop carrier was greatly lauded by the men. That, more than anything else, made them realize that the unions weren't working against the returning GI, but rather for him.

"Unions should make an all out effort to inform servicemen of the true facts. Otherwise, a dangerous attitude towards unions will result which will be detrimental to the entire organized labor movement."

R. C.

Wants New Cultural Approach

Manhattan, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Paul M. in his letter of Nov. 19 calling for a new approach to creative arts in the progressive movement is right. One of the Communist Party's lacks has been its neglect of cultural work. It seems to have bent over backward in order not to foster working class culture.

As with all other issues, balance is needed. We definitely must use enough existing bourgeois forms of expression (I said forms) to get a wide hearing; at the same time we must not in that process slip into compromises with bourgeois principles and thus black out proletarian culture with its vigorous forms and forthright truths.

An enormous cultural surge is ahead in America—a dialectical reemergence like that of the 30's but stronger, sharper. The Communist Party must take it place in the lead. We must educate the unions to see that the arts

are a necessary part of their weapons, their tools. We must make the whole working class, including C. P. members, realize that art is not a pretty little flower reposing on the top of the class struggle, but a practical day to day stimulator, organizer and educator.

It will probably even be necessary for the C. P. to issue an official statement concerning the cultural front, a suggestion that was made during the discussion period and apparently ignored. Communist cultural workers must stop talking and lead, side by side and merged with those who fight on all the fronts.

LAWRENCE BARTH.

Asks—Do We Want to Do Something Right in China

Mineral Point, Mo.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Mr. Truman is now making the crime against the Spanish Democracy committed during Roosevelt's term look less black by committing the same crime over again on a much larger scale in China. In the Spanish rebellion we only helped Hitler and Mussolini by sending his side the materials of war and refusing them to the Loyalists. Mr. Truman is going Roosevelt one better. He is now using American troops to help beat down the democratic elements of the New China.

Gen. Wedemeyer says it will only take until spring. I suppose by that time he hopes to have the terrible Communists (whose program is four acres of ground to grow food on) beaten to a pulp. The noble Chiang Kai-shek with his American fed gang of cut-throats will then be able to deliver the New China, returned again to its filth, disease and despair, to be used again by the agents of capitalism as a scavenger dump and as a sort of blood bank for the decayed and dying system of capitalism. That America is openly supporting Chiang Kai-shek with millions of dollars of supplies to prevent the Chinese people from taking hold of their own

WANTS VET-FARM-LABOR PARTY DISCUSSION

New Haven, Conn.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Hasn't the time come for a round table discussion on the advisability of a Veterans-Farmer-Labor Party? I have read Max Gordon's article on this point but still believe the third party may now be in order.

Certainly a hard anti-imperialist core uniting all sections of the people against our present foreign policy has to be organized immediately. And nothing would prove a better time bomb under the Truman-Hannegan complacency. They feel labor has no place else to go.

Such an organization would also give a positive place for veterans to go and help arrest the growing disillusion with the war. One thing I have experienced is the vets' scepticism regarding both major parties. A hundred different fascist organizations are already capitalizing on this scepticism to some extent. The danger of course is that they will make great inroads among the vets. I believe the Veterans Farmer Labor Party (a suggested name since we are all workers, farmers and service men alike, veterans of the war) with outstanding veterans in the leadership, would have great appeal to the men and women now leaving the services.

F. D. R.'s new Bill of Rights plus a strong anti-imperialist foreign policy is the perfect program to rally the people. And Truman's desertion of F. D. R. should be the new organization's reason for being.

Gordon indicates that such a party might endanger the unity needed for peace and points to the New York municipal election as an example. There is the American Labor Party, a third party. Yet it supported O'Dwyer and the same could still be done nationally and locally where major party candidates merited such support, even where candidates can only be named by one party. The Com-

munist Party has often refrained from naming a candidate in order to work actively for another party's candidate. The activity of the PAC also demonstrates that this can be done. Finally, such a step would greatly strengthen the Wallace forces inside the Democratic Party.

Yes, I would like to see the CIO, the Communist Party, the Farmers Union, AFL bodies and unions, veterans organizations, etc., sit

down to draw up the platform and organization for a new major party that will get us back on the road to peace and prosperity. Beside opposition to the government's imperialist actions in Asia, Europe and South America, there are numerous live and immediate issues here at home: against conscription, for quicker discharges and full use of ships, for returning vets, for a 30 percent wage increase, etc.

F. J.

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Presence of Allied Troops Angers Icelanders

By HELEN SIMON

The people of Iceland are worried and indignant that the United States is still keeping armed forces up in their little country, though the war is over, a visitor from Iceland told us yesterday. The young Icelander, who asked that his name be withheld, said that U.S.

country to become a pawn in an anti-Soviet game," our informant said, "and we want none of it."

Iceland's history dates back to 900 A. D. The country was settled by Norwegian refugees from royalist persecution; and the people have retained a keen sense of liberty and justice.

The settlers adopted a liberal constitution and the Icelandic parliament first met in 930 A.D. They developed literature and art to a high degree; developed extensive fishing and agriculture. In the late 15th Century Norway established dominion over the country, and later Denmark took over, but in

1918 Danish rule was eased, with Icelanders only accepting the sovereignty of the king. This tie too was broken and on June 17, 1944, Iceland became a republic with an elective president. British stationed both army and navy groups there which have already been withdrawn. Only United States forces remain.

WANT TO GOVERN SELVES

Icelanders feel that they are fully capable of governing themselves and assuring their own security without outside interference. Our informant pointed out that trade balances are favorable, that Iceland has contributed sizeable sums to UNRRA and the average living standard is high.

Removal of the U. S. army and maintenance of Iceland's independence are the main points on the program of the Icelandic United

Workers Socialist (Communist) Party. The Party has considerable strength in the country, having elected 10 out of 49 parliament members and with two ministers in a cabinet of six. They are Brynjolfur Bjornsson, Minister of Educational Affairs, and Aki Jacobsen, Minister of Fisheries.

N. J. Fur Dyers Picket GM Plants

NEWARK, Dec. 9.—More than 100 members of Fur Dyers, Local 80, International Fur and Leather Workers, CIO, working in New Jersey towns, Friday morning staged a picket demonstration in front of the General Motors plant at Harrison, in sympathy with the striking workers. The pickets were led by Joe Zita, Tony Gambe and Arthur Gibson.

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Foreign Briefs

Peron's Thugs Attack Rally

Small bands of Col. Juan PERON's thugs tried to break up a demonstration of 150,000 to 200,000 Buenos Aires citizens at the first great rally of the anti-Peron 'Democratic Union' coalition. Police reported four dead and 26 wounded—while correspondents estimated up to 60 hurt by snipers. Although the 'Democratic Union', comprising Communist, Radical and Democratic Progressive Parties, had received permission to hold the rally, police ordered demonstrators to disperse. . . . Speakers, had denounced Peron as a Nazi and Fascist who was trying to introduce a totalitarian system in Argentina. . . . Rodolfo Ghioldi, Communist leader, wired that Communists hoped the demonstration would spur the 'Democratic Union' to nominate coalition candidates for congress and provincial legislatures, as well as to the presidency. . . . The Buenos Aires Federal Court granted the Communist Party's petition for legalization.

A group of 120 BRITISH MPs demanded immediate severance of British diplomatic, commercial and economic relations with Franco Spain. A rally of the Emergency Committee of Aid to Democratic Spain also urged all possible encouragement for a reborn republic. . . . A member of the French Constituent Assembly said that France is sounding out the Big Three on breaking relations with FRANCO. . . . John Ives, U. S. commercial attaché in LISBON, said the U. S. wants to increase wine, cork, canned fish and other imports from (fascist) Portugal in exchange for steel, iron, machines and other U. S. commodities. . . . A new Portuguese-American aviation agreement was praised by the chief of Portugal's civil aviation Department. . . . Spencer Wilson Stewart, manager of the Amburseh Engineering Co. of N. Y., was ordered expelled from ECUADOR following charges that he plotted to finance a revolt against the Velazco Ibarra government. Ecuador's Interior Minister said the company had been unable to fulfill a contract with the government for highway construction.

The British are reported to have decided to bring in all reinforcements needed to help reimpose Dutch rule on INDONESIA. . . . An Allied official in Tokyo said that a division of 20,000 SOVIET troops will arrive early in 1946 to participate in the occupation. . . . Secretary of War Patterson ordered final action on the case of Gen. Tomoyuki YAMASHITA held up pending U. S. Supreme Court review of appeals. . . . Leopold Kunschak, Catholic Peoples Party leader and an avowed anti-Semite, is to be installed as President of the Austrian National Assembly.



LOWDOWN

Met Basketballers in
For a Rough Season

By Nat Low

The Garden college basketball season is less than a week old and already two of the met cage standbys have gone down to defeat—an unprecedented phenomenon. St. John's was knocked off opening night, Wednesday, and CCNY got it Saturday, losing out to Holy Cross, 45-35.

Of the two metropolitan winners, LIU and NYU, only the Blackbirds were able to turn in a convincing victory. The Violets, on the basis of two last-second desperation goals by hustling Captain Frank Mangiapane, nosed out Colgate 45-43.

The Violets, pre-season favorites to walk off with the city title, once again exhibited that old failing of most NYU teams—lack of real co-ordination and flexibility. The boys, led by Sid Tanenbaum and Adolf Schayes, went off to a fast lead but the taller Colgate refused to ruffle and played a deliberate possession game, while dominating the rebounds.

The Red Raiders refused, also, to trade fast breaks with the speedy Violets and before long took the lead. At halftime they were ahead 23-19 and kept that far in front until Adrian Aale was lost on fouls for Colgate five minutes after the half began. After this NYU began to move a bit better but still lacked the know-how of getting through the deliberate and big Colgate defense.

The Violets will win a lot of games this season for there are too many natural basketball players on the squad, but they won't be brilliant against formidable opposition. They simply aren't resourceful enough nor well coached.

Nat Holman's Beavers, who had won two previous games by huge scores, looked good passing and setting up plays, but failed miserably under the basket. Captain Paul Schmone was the only Beaver who could break loose from the tight Holy Cross man to man defense and tallied 12 points to be high man of the squad. Young Sonny Jameson, Negro freshman, played the entire game and looked fast and smart. Jameson will become an important cager with more seasoning and when he gets a little more confidence playing in the Garden his scoring will go up, too. Right now he rests content with setting up the plays and fed Schmone a number of passes that resulted in goals.

The Beavers used a zone defense—something Holman has disdained for years—but even that wasn't enough to stop the speedy and big Crusaders who controlled the game under the boards and who had greater accuracy in their shooting.

The Beavers will improve with work but not too much and it may be a sorry season for old CCNY and its famed allegro.

Almost every basketball and hockey game between now and New Year's at the Garden is already sold out except for balcony tickets which go on sale at 6 p.m. the night of the game. This is without doubt the biggest indoor sports season New York has ever had and people who have been around are agreed an indoor arena seating 30,000 or 35,000 fans would just begin to solve the problem.

Basketball could easily fill up 35,000 crowds and a winning Ranger team would draw almost as much every time out. The demand is so great, speculators are asking and getting \$15 for a pair of cage or hockey tickets. Readers phone us every day with complaints of the disgraceful scalping and want to know how Ned Irish' tickets get into the hands of the speculators. Which is what we intend to find out in the next few weeks.

Rounding Up the Loose Ends

By PHIL GORDON

It will be "Fritzle Zivc Night" at the Garden this evening—for the seventeenth time in the past six years. The busted-nosed ex-welter champ who apparently doesn't know when to call it quits, will face young Cecil Hudson this time and will probably get himself beaten again.

Hudson, a young Negro protege of Henry Armstrong, who caused a sensation a few weeks ago by knocking out George "Red" Doty with a blistering barrage of left hooks and right uppercuts, is too formidable an opponent for the aged Fritzle, although the latter is still smart enough to scrap for the last ten seconds of each round in an attempt to impress the judges. The fight is scheduled for ten rounds. Hudson is one of the brightest young scrappers to come along in some time.

The Utah Utes, Garden cage favorites ever since they walked off with the unofficial national title

two years ago by beating St. John's, will be back again Wednesday to meet the Indians, who were defeated in the opening game last week. . . . Gone will be blonde Arnold Ferrin, a great favorite with the crowds, but Fred Sheffield will be back plus a lot of other swiftness.

In the other game on the card LIU's Blackbirds will face Bob Kurland and the Oklahoma Aggies. The Blackbirds, who have by far the toughest schedule of any team in the city, will be gunning for their second Garden win although they will spot the Aggies a terrific height advantage. The Aggies, who claim the national championship after winning the NCAA title last March and then going on to beat De Paul, Invitation Tourney kingpin, have most of their stars back plus two ex-servicemen who were members of the 1942 quintet.

The Cowboys lost to DePaul last week, by only 45-42, which means they are awfully strong again.

Army has come up with a hockey team that bids fair to out-strip even the mighty West Point gridders. In their first game Saturday, the Cadets trimmed the trousers off the Westchester Vikings, a leading amateur team, 18-4. . . . That, for hockey, is slightly terrific.

Van Buren Gets 3 Tallies, Sets New Pro Mark

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9 (UP).—Steve Van Buren, ace breakaway runner of the Philadelphia Eagles, shattered the National Football League record for touchdowns scored in a single season today as he paced the Eagles to a 35-7 victory over the Boston Yanks.

He scored three touchdowns today to bring his season total to 15—one more than Don Hutson's record, set with the Green Bay Packers in 1942. He place-kicked the extra points after two touchdowns to bring his season scoring to 110 points, best of the season, and it was believed that his 832 yards gained on the ground would be the tops in that department this season. He gained 100 yards in 22 tries today.

Van Buren's record touchdowns came in the last five minutes as the Eagles triumphed in their fruitless chase of the Washington Redskins.

In the third period, with the score tied 7-7, he broke away for 29 yards and the touchdown that put him one behind Hutson's record.

Then Roy Zimmermann intercepted a Yank pass on the 31 to set up Steve's tying marker.

Zimmermann passed to Van Buren for three, and then big Steve went over on an end sweep after taking a lateral.

Only a minute later, Butler recovered a fumbled kickoff on the Boston 33. Butler made a first down in two tries and then Zimmermann passed to Van Buren a first down on the 11. Steve got two, and then took another wide lateral to race over for the record-breaker.

'Skins Win Title, Defeat Giants, 17-0

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Washington Redskins today trounced the New York Giants 17-0 win the Eastern Division championship of the National Professional Football League.

The victory, unexpectedly easy, won for the Redskins the right to meet Cleveland's powerful Rams for the league title in Cleveland next Sunday.

The Giants offensive virtually fell apart under the pounding of the Skin's mighty forward wall. They penetrated Washington territory only once during the entire game.

The charging Redskin line completely smothered Bill Paschal's running and the passing artistry of Arnie Herber who whipped the Philadelphia Eagles almost single-handedly a week ago.

AGUIRRE FIELD GOAL

Washington held a 3-0 lead at half time with a field goal by Joe Aguirre late in the first period. The Skins with Frank Akins and Merlyn Condit slashing at the New York tackles and guards, rolled from their own 30 to the Giants' 16. Here the attack bogged and Aguirre dropped back to boot a perfect 25-yard placement.

The Redskins almost scored again just before the half ended. A 32-yard pass from Sammy Baugh to Steve Bagarius and a roughing penalty gave them a first down on the New York 9. Line smashes carried to the 2 but the Giants took over as the gun sounded.

Midway through the third period, the Redskins scored again. Baugh lobbed a 22-yard pass to Les Dye in the end zone and Aguirre converted for a 10-point lead.

The final touchdown came on a

Giant fumble on their own 16 in the last period. The Skins recovered and blasted at the line four times for the score. Akins plunged over from the two and Aguirre added the extra point again.

The victory gave the Redskins their fifth Eastern title in nine years and closed Washington's regular season with a record of eight wins and two defeats. The Redskins would have scored more but for some bad breaks.

Seek to Span Nation in 6 Hrs.

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 8 (UP).—The Army's newest bomber, the twin-engined Douglas XB-42 which has its propellers in its tail, took off at 10:22 a.m. (1:22 p.m. EST) today for Washington in an attempt to set a new transcontinental record.

Pilots of the ship hoped to make the 2,290-mile flight in less than six hours.

The revolutionary bomber, already planned in a commercial version to be called the DC-8, has twin liquid cooled motors buried in the fuselage, with counter-rotating propellers behind the tail surface. It's nicknamed the "Mixmaster."

The ship is capable of well over 400 miles an hour in both military and commercial versions, and as an airliner will carry 48 passengers.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WOR—Prescott Robinson, News
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—Alma Detlinger, News
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch
WMCA—News; Studio Orchestra
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News
WOR—News Reports
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music
12:15-WEAF—Maggi McNeill—Talk
WOR—Richard Maxwell
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Merchant Marine Orchestra
WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—News; Woman's Exchange
WABC—Helen Trent
WQXR—Alma Detlinger, News
12:45-WEAF—Music of Manhattan
WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WOR—Jack Bunty's Album
WJZ—Constance Bennett, Comment
WABC—Ma Perkins—Sketch
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Two on a Clue
WQXR—News; Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—Time to Remember
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—John Gambling, News
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Landt Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—Better Half—Quiz
WJZ—Jack Berch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—Bride and Groom

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.
WEAF—680 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.
WINS—890 Kc.
WEVD—1530 Kc.
WNEW—1130 Kc.
WLIC—1190 Kc.
WHN—1050 Kc.
WQV—1290 Kc.
WJNY—1480 Kc.
WQXR—1560 Kc.

4:25-WABC—News Reports
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Feature Story
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—School of the Air
WQXR—News; Concert Music
5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—On Wings of Song
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk
WQXR—Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Kierman's News Corner
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WMCA—News; Talk
WQXR—News; Music
6:15-WEAF—Serenade to America
WOR—Man on the Street
WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Eileen Farrell, Songs
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WJZ—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Cal Toney
WMCA—Recorded Music
WABC—The World Today—News
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA—Jack Eigen, News
WQXR—Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
WQXR—Opera's Scrapbook
7:30-WEAF—Red Barber Star Review
WOR—Frank Singler, News
WJZ—Lone Ranger
WABC—Bob Hawk Quiz Show
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Treasury of Music
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Dinah Shore Records
WHN—Johannes Steel
8:00-WEAF—Cavalcade of America
WOR—Bulldog Drummond
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WABC—Vox Pop Interviews
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Hedda Hopper
8:30-WEAF—Igor Gorin; Baritone
WOR—Sherlock Holmes Adventure
WJZ—Pacific Serenade

WABC—Joan Davis Show
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Marian Anderson, Contralto
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Parade of Happiness
WABC—Radio Theater
WMCA—News; Amateur Hour
WQXR—Worldwide News Review
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Information Please
WOR—Spotlight Bands
WJZ—Swing Music
WQXR—Music Festival
9:55-WJZ—News Reports
10:00-WEAF—Josephine Antoine, Soprano
—Faith Orchestra; Others
WOR—Radio Auction Show
WJZ—Steel Wages and Prices—Talk
WABC—Screen Guild Play
WMCA—News; Evening Hour
WQXR—News; Opera Favorites
10:15-WJZ—Cliff Edwards, Songs
10:30-WEAF—Doctor I. Q.—Quiz
WOR—Detect-A-Tune
WJZ—Hoosier Hop
WABC—Victory Loan Program
WQXR—String Music
11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Talks; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30-WABC—Danny O'Neil, Songs
WMCA—Drama Reviews
11:45-WMCA—String Music
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
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— Comment by Samuel Sillen —

A Man of Whom No Good Can Be Said

THE Latin proverb tells us: De mortuis nil nisi bonum—of the dead say nothing but good. That is a very kindly but often trying sentiment. At this moment, for example, I can't for the life of me find anything good to say about Benjamin De Casseres, who died of pernicious anemia last Thursday at the age of 72.

If one strains very hard to be charitable, I suppose one can salvage something from any wreck. Judging by the obituary notices, this Hearst columnist may well go down in history as the last New Yorker to have a legal drink before prohibition. Or, if that distinction is challenged, certainly no one will dispute that De Casseres had the first legal drink after fourteen years of national hypocrisy.

For on this point the record is magnificently precise. De Casseres downed the historic highball in the Waldorf-Astoria bar. It was exactly 5:33 p.m. on Dec. 5, 1933. The gulp that will forever go down in the books, came a split second after Utah acted to seal the doom of Volstead.

I SUBMIT for the record an article which De Casseres darkly withheld from the readers of The Journal-American and The Mirror. Before these good citizens Hearst's "literary editor" liked to pose as a defender of the American Home and American Womanhood against the ravages of Red Russia. It is perhaps understandable that he did not bring up the subject of "Parents: What Are They Good for?" an article that appeared in Vol. 1, No. 1 of Revolt (Jan. 1, 1916).

"The girl 'went wrong'?" No. The girl went right," exclaimed De Casseres. "Better one year of full surrender to love and passion and then death in the river than a life of respectable virginity and its inferno of agonies."

In that perverted prose which later riotously decorated the left-hand column of the Mirror's editorial page, De Casseres denounced all parents as "licentious, safe in the bosom of the marriage license," sacrificing their daughters to the "Moloch of Respectability."

That was De Casseres first and last, the writer who rediscovered the capital letter for Hearst.

"I NEVER learned to write," he once said. "Everything I do is 'inspirational'—that is, I have never thought out anything in my philosophical books or in my newspaper and magazine work." Never thinking out anything, "There is a perfect coordination between my conscious and unconscious minds. I have a theme—and presto, with a pencil in hand I begin to write."

Actually, he had only one theme for years, and that was the theme of other inspiration—presto writers like Joseph Goebbels and Alfred Rosenberg. His hatred of the Soviet Union was commensurate with his paycheck. From 1925 on, he was Hearst's Sokolsky. His progress in intellectual degeneracy was rapid, and to his dying day he did not give up the dream—once, exultingly, he thought it within grasp—of a Soviet Union lying prostrate under the fascist boot.

I shudder to recall that he was supposed to be a collateral descendant of Spinoza. Imagine what the great Jewish philosopher, with his passion for freedom and logic, would have thought of a descendant who could boast, with a Hitlerian glee:

"I never think logically. I believe logic to be one of the lowest forms of mental activity."

THAT he was a Jew compounds his crime. "The Adventures of an Intellectual Faun," he subtitled one of his books. The faun is half-goat and half-man. But he is at least a figment of fancy. The terrible harm that De Casseres did to the Jewish people through his ranting in the Hearst press was not at all faunlike. We shall not remember him kindly.

For De Casseres, the bitter enemy of Roosevelt, the comforter of the Bilbos and Gerald K. Smiths, identified himself with the fascist forces in America. He pumped poison into hundreds of thousands of American minds. And it is not true, as he once said of himself, that he was an island of consciousness surrounded entirely by mirages. He was a Hearst hireling surrounded by readers.

And his evil lives on, just as surely as the good that good men do lives on. It survives in the man sitting next to us in the subway. It slaps at out child in the classroom. It charges the air with ignorance and hate.

Nothing of the dead but the good? Charity exhausts itself as we chronicle the corruption of this stablemate of Westbrook Pegler.

Catholic Films In Hollywood Criticized

With Bing Crosby's Bells of St. Mary's installed at Radio City Music Hall, another big Catholic film appears to be under way at MGM. It is titled *The Risen Soldier*. James K. McGuinness, an officer of the reactionary Motion Picture Alliance, is producing it. He is now in New York conferring with Archbishop Spellman on the story.

On Dec. 2 we pointed out in *The Worker* that the Catholic Church had a virtual stranglehold on religious scenes in Hollywood films. Almost every church that flashes across the screen is a Catholic Church. Crosby's *Going My Way* and Bells of St. Mary's, Franz Werfel's *Song of Bernadette*, A. J. Cronin's *Keys of the Kingdom* are all Catholic films. No comparable films about the Protestant faith have been produced.

We said: "In a land where the membership of the Protestant Churches far exceeds that of the Catholic Church, this unequal treatment leads to all kinds of suspicions. This inequality is even more glaring in the case of films concerning the Jewish faith."

PM AGREES

This opinion is shared by John T. McManus, PM film critic. In his view of Bells of St. Mary's on Dec. 7 McManus sharply criticized the growing number of Catholic films to the "complete neglect of films treating with any other religion."

He said: "If Hollywood doesn't pluck up enough courage to say this pretty soon, it is pretty certain that the movie audience itself will make it clear via box-office veto that Hollywood is turning out far, far too many Catholic films to the complete neglect of films treating with any other religion. There have been four major religious films, all Catholic, in the last two seasons—*The Song of Bernadette*, *Going My Way*, *The Keys of the Kingdom* and now *The Bells of St. Mary's*—and all but the most devout must concede, I think, that this is 'way too much of a good thing.'"

A DANGEROUS TREND

Religious intolerance is on the upgrade in America. Hollywood, which could do so much to help curb this menace, has yet to make a single major story against anti-Semitism. The film industry, instead, has sunk millions into non-controversial films glorifying the Catholic priesthood. This will go on until the producers' intolerant attitude toward all religious groups but one is vigorously challenged.

Musicians to Give Services to Bernstein Symphony

Jennie Tourel mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, Claudio Arrau, pianist and Joseph Sziget, violinist, are all contributing their services to the New York City Symphony under the direction of Leonard Bernstein in forthcoming concerts. In the interest of making more good music available to the ever growing needs of the widening New York music public.

Miss Tourel will be heard in the next pair of concerts at the City Center on Dec. 17 and 18, singing Ravel's seldom heard *Three Poems for Voice and Orchestra*, "Scheherazade," in their entirety, under Bernstein's direction. Mr. Arrau will be heard on Feb. 4 and 5 in the Brahms Piano Concerto in D minor, the favorite work in this form of both soloist and conductor, and Mr. Sziget on March 4 and 5, playing Bela Bartok's *Rhapsody No. 1* and the *Portrait in D*, in commemoration of the late composer who would have been 65 on March 25.

Canterbury Deans's Message To Be Read at Dinner

The Very Reverend Hewlett Johnson, D. D. Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, England, has sent a vital message to the young people of America—to be read to veterans and their friends at the "Welcome Home, Joe!" Dinner, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The dinner, to be held at the Hotel Roosevelt on the occasion of the second anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy, will be a special tribute to the part that youth has played and will play, in securing the peace of a domestic world.

An exciting feature will be a telephone hookup—Corwin Calling Hollywood—when radio's outstanding writer and producer, Norman Corwin, will call Hollywood and present Bill Mauldin at the other end of the wire, with an award for symbolizing the democratic spirit of the foot soldier through his inimitable "Willie and Joe."

Calling back from Hollywood will be an actor known for his human portrayals, Edward G. Robinson—presenting an award to Capt. Carson Kanin, for his share in bringing the real meaning of the war home to the American people in the "True Glory."

Also on the hookup will be Lt. Colonel Evans F. Carlson, speaking on demobilization and the need to bring our boys back from China.

FOR HEROIC SERVICE

Awards will be presented to: Sergeant Walter Bernstein, Sergeant Alfred B. Hine, and Sergeant Justin Grey for their splendid contribution through *Yank Magazine* to the morale of all our armed forces.

To Lt. Edith Kolsky, for her outstanding courage under fire, while nursing our boys back to health.

To Jane Froman, for her tireless courage in entertaining our armed forces and her inspiring example to all our wounded men.

To Lt. Tom Neill, for his splendid efforts in behalf of union men in the armed forces and for furthering international youth unity.

To Sergeant Joseph E. Shaefer and Capt. Charles D. Hall for their heroic and distinctive service on the battlefronts in behalf of democracy.

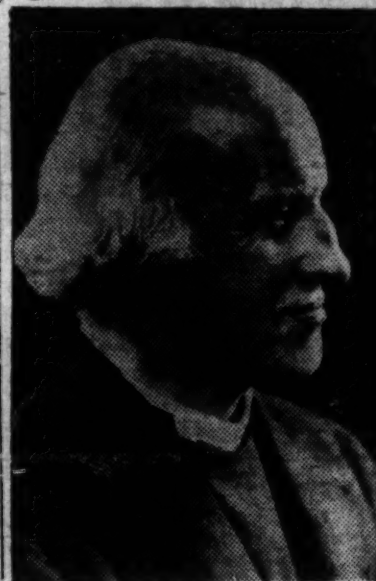
To Pharmacist Mate Edward A. Bykowski and Capt. Larry Rivkin for their fearless and selfless services in the fight against racial bigotry.

To Seaman John Beecher and two other seamen, for keeping the ships sailing through National Maritime Union.

To Dean Dixon for his contribution to the morale of our servicemen by bringing them good music.

Correction

In JM's review of "The Mermaid's Singing" of the New John Van Druten play, the role of the professor's wife was wrongly ascribed to Beatrice Pearson. The part is played by Jane Hoffman.



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Among the distinguished guests presenting the awards to the veterans and friends, will be William J. Schieffelin, Ira Wolfert, Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs, Councilman Ben Davis, Reverend W. H. Mellish, and Rev. Jack McMichael.

Sono Osafo, Gordon Heath, and Luba Malina are among the many stars-joining the welcome to veterans.

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By BILL MARDO

"He only wanted to come home," sobbed elderly Mrs. Silver as she talked of her son, Elton, a 28-year-old GI killed in China Sept. 29, when his plane crashed during a "routine flight" from Loping to Hsian.

Grief shrouded the Silver home which we visited yesterday at No. 8 Monument Walk, in Brooklyn's Fort Green housing project. Since the War Department telegram came three weeks ago, nothing has been the same.

The stocky, white-haired mother held her head between her hands and spoke in a dull, broken voice.

"We walk around in a trance. My husband wakes up in the middle of the night—doesn't know what to do. And me . . . in the daytime I'm always thinking of Eltie, and at night I dream about him."

She suddenly shook her head from side to side, glued her moist eyes to the floor as if she were alone, and murmured to herself in Yiddish . . . "Mein kind . . ." then she mumbled in English . . . "So earnest, so thoughtful."

Mrs. Silver tried to compose herself as she told me.

"In my heart I feel Eltie was killed in the China fighting. And what for? What are American planes and marines doing there? We have no business fighting the Chinese Communists. Isn't Chiang-Kai-shek like a dictator?"

A tiny, tired looking old man came into the house, nodded at us, and walked into another room. Mr. Silver soon returned to the living-room, sat down and told us about his son Elton.

The family lived most of their lives on the East Side. Elton attended Seward Park High School, and then went into the CCC for two years. He was a laborer for the Park Department before joining the Air Force in 1942. Last January Elton was shipped overseas. At first the radio-man's troop transport outfit was stationed in Burma. Then, the Silvers re-



SGT. ELTON SILVER

ceived a letter from him Sept. 10, which read:

"Dear Ma: This is your darling son and now I'm writing from China. . . . We have been promised by our C. O. that we'd be starting home in about 45 days, but you know how the Army works and so I'll consider myself lucky to be home for Easter. The town I'm stationed in is Loping, southwest China, near Thailand and Malay Peninsula. . . . The boys are most anxious to get home soon and justifiably so, too. So they're hoping for the civilians to put pressure on the Government for an early return to the States."

Mr. Silver silently handed me Elton's last letter, received just two days before the War Department notified them of his death. That letter fatefully disclosed:

"We'll be moved from this place by the time you get this. Expect to go to Hushien, 750 miles north from here."

The deceased GI's father paced back and forth. "What a fine boy he was. He certainly hated the Nazis. But we have no business in China."

Mrs. Silver added:

"If he died against the fascists I'd feel he lost his life as a patriot. Instead, Eltie was killed in a fight—that's against his own principles."

Her son-in-law Ben, a quiet, handsome soldier who spent five months in a German concentration camp, spoke for the first time. "Our job's over. Every GI should be home."

Mrs. Silver brought out the death certificate sent her by the Government and signed by President Truman. "Read the bottom part of it," she urged. The last paragraph on the scroll read: "He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have

dared to die that freedom might live and grow, and increase its blessings."

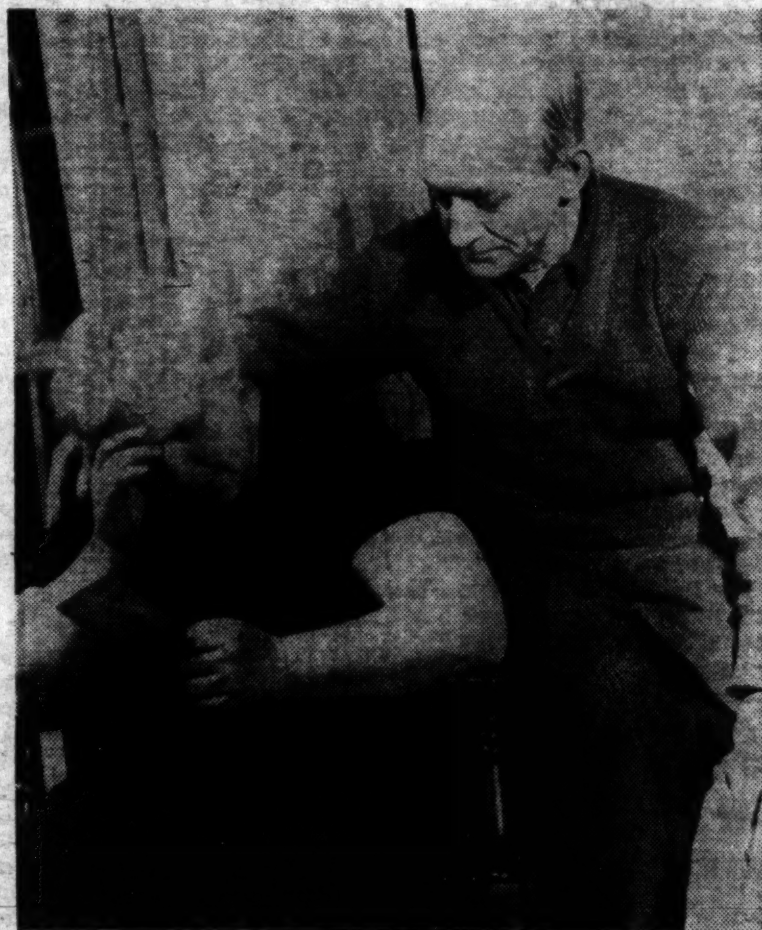
Mrs. Silver gripped the sides of her chair and said angrily:

"I wish I had the strength to go see President Truman. I'd tell him how I feel about my son's needless death. I'm going to write him anyway and let him

know. There are plenty of mothers in this housing project who've got sons in China. We'll all write Truman, demanding he bring our soldiers home."

She walked me to the door and sighed sadly:

"Maybe enough of those letters will save some other mother from the grief I've got."



Grief-Stricken Parents: Tragedy lines the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Silver, as they look at a photo of their son Elton who was killed in China. —Daily Worker Photo

Red Armyman Dies; Accuses Yanks

NUERNBERG, Dec. 9 (UP).—A Russian soldier who accused "an American" of having shot him died early today at the 116th U. S. Army hospital of a gunshot wound in the body.

The private, identified as Del Bubenko, reportedly was shot last night by a "GI or a person wearing an American uniform." Security officials said he was hit by a small-caliber bullet entered his chest and penetrated his body.

Security officials were investigating but thus far turned up no further identification of the man's assailant.

Would Transfer Nippon Plants to Korea

TOKYO, Dec. 9 (UP).—Edwin W. Pauley, President Truman's representative on the Japanese Reparations Commission, announced today that he would recommend to the President that Japanese factories and machinery used to exploit Korea be transferred to Korea from Japan proper.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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13 November 1945

Dear Mr. Silver:

It is with regret that I write you confirming the telegram of recent date which informed you of the death of your son, Sergeant Elton Silver, 12,143,752, Air Corps, on 29 September 1945 in China.

The official casualty report states that your son was killed when the airplane on which he was a passenger crashed while on a routine flight from Loping to Hsian, China.

I realize that there is little which may be said or done at this time to lessen your sorrow but it is my hope that in time you may find sustaining comfort in the knowledge that he died while serving his country.

Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Whittell
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

Message of Death: A copy of the War Department telegram sent to the parents of Sgt. Elton Silver. It states the troop transport GI was killed on a "routine flight from Loping to Hsian, China."

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